

Durham VA Medical Center

Pharmacy Preceptors

Jamie Brown, PharmD, BCPS is the PGY-1 Residency Program Director. He received his Doctor of Pharmacy degree from the Campbell University College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences and then completed an ASHP-accredited specialty residency in Drug Information with Campbell University. After completion of his residency, Dr. Brown accepted a clinical position with the Durham VA Medical Center as the Director of the Drug Information Center and coordinator of the Investigational Drug Service. In addition, Dr. Brown is a Clinical Assistant Professor of Pharmacy Practice with Campbell University and precepts fourth-year PharmD candidates and PGY1 and PGY2 residents in the Drug Information rotation. Dr. Brown also serves as the Chair of the Residency Committee for the North Carolina Association of Pharmacists (NCAP) and coordinates the annual NCAP Resident Conference each July.

Susan Francis, PharmD, BPCS is the PGY-2 Geriatrics Residency Program Director. Dr. Francis received her Bachelor of Science in Pharmacy and Doctor of Pharmacy degrees from the Medical University of South Carolina. She completed an ASHP-accredited specialty residency in geriatrics at the Durham VAMC. Dr. Francis serves as a clinical pharmacy specialist in geriatrics, has been a pharmacist for almost 20 years, and a Board Certified Pharmacotherapy Specialist for the past 14 years. She is a Senior Fellow at the Duke Center for Aging and Human Development. Her professional experiences include clinical specialty practice, community pharmacy, pharmaceutical industry, medical writing and clinical guideline development. She maintains a practice in the Community Living Center, the Geriatric Evaluation and Management Unit, and the VA Geriatrics Clinic. Her areas of interest include appropriate prescribing in the elderly, medication safety, and medication adherence.

Jane Pendergrass, RPh is the Chief of the Pharmacy Service. She received bachelors of Pharmacy from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Upon graduation, she was employed at the Durham VA Medical Center. Since accepting the position in 1978, she has held several positions within Pharmacy Service. She became Chief of Pharmacy in May 2002.

William E. Bryan III, PharmD is a clinical pharmacy specialist in formulary management. He earned a Doctor of Pharmacy from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. He then completed a pharmacy practice PGY1 and a health-system administration PGY2 residency at the Gainesville, Florida VAMC. After residency, Dr. Bryan practiced in acute care and long-term care. Dr. Bryan came to work at the Durham VAMC in formulary management and geriatrics and is actively involved in resident activities in both PGY1 & PGY2 programs. In addition to responsibilities in formulary management, Dr. Bryan is also responsible for adverse drug reaction documentation and reporting.

Susan Bullard, PharmD is an ambulatory clinical pharmacy specialist. She received her Doctor of Pharmacy from the University of Florida in 1992 and completed a Pharmacy Practice Residency at the VA Medical Center in Memphis, Tennessee the following year. After completion of her residency, Dr. Bullard accepted a clinical position at the Durham VA Medical Center. While in her current position, she established the Pharmacy Practice Residency Program in 1994 and was the first residency director along with establishing the PRIME Pharmacy disease state management clinic. In the PRIME Pharmacy clinics she sees patients for HTN, diabetes, hyperlipidemia, hypothyroidism and medication adherence problems. Dr. Bullard also works in the anticoagulation clinic and co-manages the PRIME Nurse INR clinic. Her areas of interests are HTN, anticoagulation and medication management.

Brian Chatel, PharmD, BCNSP is a Clinical Pharmacy Specialist in Critical Care and Nutrition Support. He received his PharmD from University of Southern Nevada, Nevada College of Pharmacy, and completed a PGY1 residency at Charleston Area Medical Center with emphasis in Critical Care and Clinical Nutrition in Charleston, West Virginia. Dr. Chatel has developed a Clinical Nutrition Program at the community hospital level and assessed and updated nutrition practice at Saint Vincent Hospital in Erie, PA. Dr. Chatel currently is the pharmacist on the Nutrition Support Team and performs daily rounds in Critical Care at Durham VAMC.

Amy L. Clarke, PharmD, BCPS is a Clinical Pharmacy Specialist in Internal Medicine at the Durham VA Medical Center. She received her PharmD from UNC Eshelman School of Pharmacy in Chapel Hill, NC. She then completed a PGY-1 residency at the Durham VAMC. After finishing her residency, she worked in central pharmacy at the Durham VAMC prior to accepting a position as the Internal Medicine Clinical Pharmacist for the Hospitalist Service. In addition to her clinical pharmacy responsibilities, Dr. Clarke serves as a preceptor for the UNC Eshelman School of Pharmacy. Her current interests include infectious diseases, anticoagulation and mental health.

Melissa Durkee, PharmD is the Clinical Coordinator for Pharmacy Services at the Durham VA Medical Center (DVAMC). She received her Bachelor of Science Degree from the Albany College of Pharmacy, Union University and her Doctor of Pharmacy degree from Campbell University. Dr. Durkee has several years experience in community pharmacy and completed a geriatrics specialty residency prior to joining the DVAMC team in 2001. She maintains a clinical practice in the women's health primary care clinic and is actively involved with several committees at DVAMC and for the NC Association of Pharmacists. Areas of interest for Dr. Durkee include geriatrics, primary care and practice management.

Lindsay Garris, PharmD is a Clinical Pharmacy Specialist at the Raleigh Community-Based Outpatient Clinic. She received her Doctor of Pharmacy degree from the Arnold & Marie Schwartz College of Pharmacy at Long Island University—Brooklyn Campus. She then completed her Pharmacy Practice Residency and PGY2 Ambulatory Care Pharmacy Residency at the VA Maryland Health Care System (VAMHCS). Upon completion of her residency, she was hired as a Clinical Pharmacy Specialist at VAMHCS where she established clinical pharmacy services in the Early Renal Insufficiency Clinic and provided direct patient care in the Chronic Heart Failure, Pharmacotherapy, and Anticoagulation clinics. She recently joined the RCBOC team to help expand the Medication Management Clinic.

Emily Heritage, PharmD is a Clinical Pharmacy Specialist at the Greenville Community- Based Outpatient Clinic (GCBOC). She received her Doctor of Pharmacy from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. She then completed a pharmacy practice residency at the Durham VAMC. Dr. Heritage has established disease management, medication titration, and group clinics at the GCBOC in the areas of hyperlipidemia, hypertension, diabetes, LMWH anticoagulation management, and formulary conversions. She also serves as a preceptor for the University of North Carolina Eshelman School of Pharmacy.

Stephanie Hollowell, PharmD, BCPS is an Anticoagulation Clinical Pharmacy Specialist at the Durham VAMC. She received her BS in Chemistry in 1999 from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and PharmD in 2004 from the University of North Carolina Eshelman School of Pharmacy. She then completed a pharmacy practice residency at the Durham VAMC. After residency, she practiced as an Oncology Clinical Specialist in the inpatient setting in Richmond, Virginia for two years and was on faculty at VCU School of Pharmacy. Dr. Hollowell returned to the Durham VAMC to work in the outpatient anticoagulation clinics and establish an inpatient anticoagulation monitoring service.

Cynthia Johnston, PharmD, BCPS, BCOP is a Clinical Pharmacy Specialist in Internal Medicine and is an Assistant Professor of Pharmacy Practice at Campbell University College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences. She received her B.S. in pharmacy from the University of Connecticut and her PharmD from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Dr. Johnston has extensive practice experience in the hospital setting. Her teaching responsibilities include pharmacotherapy of lung, colon, prostate and breast cancers, anemia management, pain management, and end-of-life care. Her practice interests include supportive care and she is a member of the inpatient Palliative Care Consultation Team.

Debra Wobbleton Kemp, PharmD, BCPS is a Clinical Pharmacy Specialist at the Durham VAMC and a Clinical Assistant Professor at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill School of Pharmacy. She also serves as an Assistant Director of Pharmacy Education with the Duke AHEC. She received her Doctor of Pharmacy from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and then completed a primary care specialty residency at UNC Hospitals in Chapel Hill, NC. Prior to this position, Dr. Kemp worked at Wake Forest University Baptist Medical Center as a Clinical Pharmacist in ambulatory care specializing in anticoagulation management and dyslipidemia. Dr. Kemp has established group, individual and phone clinics at the Durham VAMC for the management of hyperlipidemia.

Janine Kosmoski, PharmD is a Geriatric Pharmacy Specialist at the Durham VAMC. She received her Doctor of Pharmacy degree from the University at Buffalo in 2007. She completed a pharmacy practice residency at the North Texas VAMC and then went on to complete a PGY2 geriatric residency at the Durham VAMC. After her geriatric residency, she practiced as a Geriatric/Internal Medicine Clinical Specialist on a unit specializing in Acute Care of the Elderly unit at Christiana Care Health System in Newark, Delaware. She then returned to the Durham VAMC and is currently practicing as a geriatric clinical specialist in the Medical Center's Community Living Center. Dr. Kosmoski also serves as a preceptor to both the PGY1 and PGY2 residents.

Radhika Kothapalli, PharmD is a Formulary Management Clinical Pharmacist. She earned a B.S. in Pharmacy in 1992 and a Doctor of Pharmacy degree in 1995, both at the University of North Carolina. She completed a Pharmacy Practice residency at Moses H. Cone Memorial Hospital (1993) and an Ambulatory Care specialty residency at the Iowa City VAMC (1997). Prior to coming to the Durham VAMC, she worked for 4 years as an Ambulatory Care Clinical Pharmacy Specialist at the Iowa City VAMC. In addition to her responsibilities in formulary management, Dr. Kothapalli is an instructor for the diabetes patient education class and Clinical Pharmacist for the Home Based Primary Care program (HBPC).

Jenny Legge, PharmD, CACP is a Primary Care Clinical Pharmacy Specialist at the Hillandale Road Outpatient Clinic. She graduated and received her Doctor of Pharmacy in 2004 from Ohio Northern University in Ada, Ohio. She completed a pharmacy practice residency and primary care specialty residency at the Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Huntington, West Virginia. After completing her primary care residency, she accepted a position with the Durham Veterans Affairs Medical Center at the Hillandale Road Outpatient Clinic. Dr. Legge currently operates a Medication Management Clinic, which focuses on, but not limited to, drug therapy in the areas of hypertension, diabetes, hyperlipidemia, smoking cessation and medication compliance. In addition, she established a point-of-care anticoagulation clinic concentrating on warfarin and LMWH dosing. She became a Certified Anticoagulation Care Provider in December of 2007.

Shajuana D. McMillan, PharmD is a Clinical Pharmacy Specialist in Internal Medicine at the Durham VA Medical Center. She received her B.S. in pharmacy from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and her Doctor of Pharmacy degree from the Medical University of South Carolina in Charleston. She then completed a pharmacy practice residency and an internal medicine specialty residency at the Medical University of South Carolina. In addition to serving as an internal medicine clinical pharmacist, she serves as a preceptor for the University of North Carolina Eshelman School of Pharmacy.

Dee Melnyk, Pharm.D., CLS is a Clinical Pharmacy Specialist and Certified Lipid Specialist under both the Ambulatory Care and Medicine Services. She received her Doctor of Pharmacy from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, completed a Pharmacy Practice Residency at UNC Hospitals and specialty residency in Ambulatory Care/Academics at the Durham VA Medical Center and UNC School of Pharmacy. She has remained active in disease state management in the areas of hyperlipidemia, hypertension, diabetes, anticoagulation and smoking cessation with an established clinical practice in Endocrinology Lipid Clinic. She also serves as a consultant for the General Medicine Consult Service for Surgery patients. She holds an appointment as a Clinical Assistant Professor in the Division of Pharmacy Practice and Experiential Education at the UNC Eshelman School of Pharmacy. Dr. Melnyk is a Primary Investigator and Research Scientist in HSR&D. Her research focus is on medication adherence and cardiovascular risk reduction. Dr. Melnyk is an active member in ACCP and has spoken both locally and nationally on management of dyslipidemias.

Jason Moss, PharmD is an Assistant Professor in the department of Pharmacy Practice at Campbell University College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences and a Clinical Pharmacy Specialist in geriatrics at the Durham VA Medical Center. Dr. Moss received his B.S. in microbiology from the North Carolina State University and his Doctor of Pharmacy from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill Eshelman School of Pharmacy. He then completed a two year geriatric clinical fellowship at the Durham VA Geriatric Research Education and Clinical Center (GRECC) in association with Campbell. Dr. Moss is the clinic coordinator for the Geriatric Pharmacy Outpatient Clinic and also maintains a practice in the Geriatric Evaluation and Management Unit and Community Living Center at the Durham VAMC. He also serves as a preceptor to not only fourth year pharmacy students but also to Duke University medical students and fellows. His areas of interest include geriatric education and training, medication adherence, medications and falling, and quality medication use in the elderly.

Carrie Thomas, PharmD, CDE is a Clinical Pharmacy Specialist and Certified Diabetes Educator at the Raleigh Community- Based Outpatient Clinic (RCBOC). She received her Doctor of Pharmacy from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. She then completed a pharmacy practice residency at the University of Virginia Health System and a primary care specialty residency at VCU Health System-Medical College of Virginia Hospitals & Physicians in Richmond, VA. Prior to coming to the Durham VAMC in 2007, she worked for six years at Grady Health System and served as program director for the Primary Care Specialty Residency and was a Clinical Pharmacist Specialist in primary care. Dr. Thomas has established disease management clinics at the RCBOC in the areas of hyperlipidemia, hypertension, diabetes, anticoagulation management, and formulary conversions and runs a Group Hypertension Clinic. She serves as a preceptor for the UNC Eshelman School of Pharmacy. Dr. Thomas has spoken nationally on establishing and justifying clinical pharmacy services in an outpatient setting.

Mary L. Townsend, PharmD, AAHIVE is an Associate Professor with Campbell University College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences in Buies Creek, NC and a Clinical Pharmacy Specialist in Internal Medicine and Infectious Diseases at the Durham VA Medical Center. She received her Doctor of Pharmacy degree from Mercer University College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences in Atlanta, Georgia. She then completed a pharmacy practice residency at Duke University Health System and a specialty residency in Internal Medicine/Infectious Diseases/Academia with Campbell University College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences at Duke University Health System in Durham, NC. Her areas of interest include HIV, nephrology, and cardiology.

Jennifer Whittington, PharmD is an Anticoagulation Clinical Pharmacy Specialist at the Durham VAMC. She received her Doctor of Pharmacy from the University of Tennessee School of Pharmacy in Memphis, TN in 2004. She then completed a pharmacy practice residency at the Durham VAMC. After residency, she practiced as a Clinical Pharmacist at Durham Regional Hospital for four years. While there she established an inpatient anticoagulation monitoring and consult service. Dr. Whittington has recently returned to the Durham VAMC to help create an inpatient anticoagulation monitoring service.

Catherine Woodard, PharmD is a Clinical Pharmacy Specialist at the Durham VA Medical Center. She received her BS in Pharmacy from the University of North Carolina in Chapel Hill, NC and her Doctor of Pharmacy from Campbell University in Buies Creek, NC. She completed a primary care residency at Mission Hospitals in Asheville, NC. Prior to starting at the Durham VA Medical center, she worked at Kaiser Permanente in Atlanta, GA as a clinical pharmacy specialist in primary care and as an assistant professor for Campbell University. Dr. Woodard has established a drug information service at the Durham VA, as well as a pharmacy run hyperlipidemia service. She is also a preceptor of both Campbell University and UNC school of pharmacy students.

2010-2011 Residency Class

PGY1:

Jason Corbo, PharmD is a PGY-1 pharmacy practice resident. He received his Doctor of Pharmacy degree from the University of Connecticut School of Pharmacy in Storrs, CT. His practice interests include geriatrics, internal medicine, and psychiatry. Upon completion of his practice residency, he plans to obtain a position in a PGY-2 geriatric specialty residency.

Jamie Jurkiewicz, PharmD is a PGY-1 pharmacy practice resident. She received her Doctor of Pharmacy degree from the UNC Eshelman School of Pharmacy in Chapel Hill, NC. Her practice interests include ambulatory care, medication therapy management, and pharmacy education. Upon completion of her residency, she hopes to obtain a position as a clinical practitioner in the ambulatory or community setting with a school of pharmacy affiliation.

Alina Kuo, PharmD is a PGY-1 pharmacy practice resident. She received her Doctor of Pharmacy degree from the University of Georgia College of Pharmacy in Athens, GA. Her practice interests include ambulatory care, anticoagulation, and academia. Upon completion of her residency, she hopes to obtain a position as a clinical pharmacy specialist with an adjunct faculty position at a school of pharmacy.

PGY2 – Geriatrics:

Michael Behrens, PharmD is a PGY-2 geriatric specialty pharmacy resident. He received his Doctor of Pharmacy degree from Nova Southeastern University in Ft. Lauderdale, FL and completed his PGY-1 pharmacy practice residency at the Ralph H. Johnson VA Medical Center in Charleston, SC. His practice interests include geriatrics, internal medicine, and ambulatory care. Upon completion of his residency, he hopes to obtain a clinical geriatric position and/or faculty position at a college of pharmacy.

Ramonna Cvelich, PharmD is a PGY-2 geriatric specialty pharmacy resident. She received her Doctor of Pharmacy degree from the UNC Eshelman School of Pharmacy in Chapel Hill, NC and completed her PGY-1 pharmacy practice residency at the Ralph H. Johnson VA Medical Center in Charleston, SC. Her practice interests include geriatrics, ambulatory care, and internal medicine. Upon completion of her residency, she hopes to obtain a position as a clinical pharmacy specialist.

2010-2011 PGY-1 Resident Schedules

Month	Jason Corbo, PharmD	Alina Kuo, PharmD	Jamie Jurkiewicz, PharmD
July	Orientation	Orientation	Orientation
August	Drug Information Jamie Brown, PharmD, BCPS	Drug Information Jamie Brown, PharmD, BCPS	Drug Information Jamie Brown, PharmD, BCPS
September	Ambulatory Care Susan Bullard, PharmD	Ambulatory Care Jenny Legge, PharmD	Ambulatory Care Debra Kemp, PharmD, BCPS, CPS
October	Geriatrics Janine Kosmoski, PharmD	Administration Bill Bryan, PharmD	Ambulatory Care Susan Bullard, PharmD
November	Internal Medicine Shajuana McMillan, PharmD	Internal Medicine Shajuana McMillan, PharmD	Internal Medicine Shajuana McMillan, PharmD
December	Scholarly	Scholarly	Scholarly
January	Ambulatory Care Jenny Legge, PharmD	Ambulatory Care Susan Bullard, PharmD	Administration Bill Bryan, PharmD
February	Administration Bill Bryan, PharmD	Ambulatory Care 8A	Geriatrics Janine Kosmoski, PharmD
March	Ambulatory Care Debra Kemp, PharmD, BCPS, CPS	Inpt/Outpt Anticoagulation Stephanie H. and Jennifer W.	Ambulatory Care 8A
April	Infectious Diseases Mary Townsend, PharmD, AAHIVE	Ambulatory Care Debra Kemp, PharmD, BCPS, CPS	Ambulatory Care 8A
May	Critical Care/Nutrition Brian Chatel, PharmD, BCNP	Geriatrics Janine Kosmoski, PharmD	Ambulatory Care Raleigh CBOC
June	Ambulatory Care 8A	Internal Medicine II Shajuana McMillan/Amy Clarke	Internal Medicine II Shajuana McMillan/Amy Clarke

Top 10 Reasons to live in Raleigh/Durham/Chapel Hill

1. You'll get wonderful clinical training at Durham VA Medical Center!
2. Best of both worlds- 2.5 hours to the beach and 3 hours to the mountains
3. Home of the Carolina Hurricanes NHL team and Durham Bulls triple-A baseball team
4. The weather is great and the people are really nice!
5. Ranks as a "Best Place to Live" on multiple lists:
 - #1 Quality of Life (Portfolio.com/bizjournals 5/10)
 - #8 Best Place to Live (Relocateamerica.com 4/10)
 - #1 Smartest City (Thedailybeast.com 4/10)
 - #6 Best Places to Live and Work for Young Professionals (Midsize Consulting 6/09)
 - #1 City Where Americans are Relocating (Forbes 4/09)
 - #2 Best City to Live, Work, and Play (Kiplingers 7/08)
 - #1 Best Place to Live in the U.S. (MSNBC.com 6/08)
 - #8 Best City for Recent College Grads (Forbes 6/08)
 - #1 Best City for Young Adults (Bizjournals 5/08)
6. Home of the best college basketball teams in the nation!
7. The area is home to 1.2 million people
8. A great place for outdoor activities: biking, hiking, swimming, and boating
9. Plenty of cultural activities: concerts, theater, symphony, opera
10. Research Triangle Park

Website to visit:
<http://www.raleighchamber.org/>